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**Note: New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, all vendors must also be registered in the CCR within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.**

FV-311

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: August 21, 2008

Fresh Fruit, Announcement FV-311, Invitation 031

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in child nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. **Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, Friday, August 29, 2008.** Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Monday, September 8, 2008. Deliveries are to be made from October 20, 2008 through December 17, 2008.

Offers are invited from the trade for

Fresh Pears, Bartlett	45 lb. cartons	106,200 cases
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**Vendors or subcontractors who are supplying fresh pears are required to undergo the USDA AMS FVP Fresh Products Branch Good Handling Practices (GHP) certifications process, and must score at least 80% on each of the following elements: House Packing; Storage and Transportation; and Traceback, prior to the submission of bids. Brokers are exempt from this requirement.**

**In addition to the GHP, vendors or subcontractors/suppliers are also required to undergo the Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) certification process. Vendors will be required to submit a list of the growers they will potentially use for the fresh pears with their bids. USDA's Fresh Products Branch will schedule and ensure that Federal or State inspectors provide an informational audit to those growers to explain where improvements need to be made to pass the USDA GAP audit.**

**The following statements will result in an immediate failure of the GAP requirement.**

- **An immediate food safety risk is present when produce is grown, processed, packed, or held under conditions that promote or cause the produce to become contaminated.**
- **The presence or evidence of rodents, and excessive amounts of insects or other pests in the produce during packing, processing, or storage.**
- **Observation of employee practices (personal or hygienic) that have jeopardized or may jeopardize the safety of the produce.**
- **Falsification of records.**

**USDA will pay for these inspections from program funds.**

**The Fresh Produce Audit Verification Program can be accessed at the following website:**  
**<http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/fpbgapghp.htm>**

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.

All invitations with orders for the state of New York must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring this special marking will be indicated by (\*\*). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.

**Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive.** Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe>? Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

**Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract.** Inquiries about Announcement FV-311, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Fresh Fruit dated April 2004, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-311, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

**Destinations with split shipments that are unspecified on the invitation are indicated by a single asterisk (\*).**

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV311  
 INVITATION : 031  
 COMM GROUP : 34 FRUIT, FRESH  
 COMM TYPE : 33 PEARS, BARTLETT, FRESH  
 PACK SIZE : 44 45 LB CTN

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
<b>DELIVERY PERIOD 10/20/08 - 10/22/08</b>					
001	HAUPPAUGE	NY	TRUCK ONLY	225	_____ **
	LATHAM	NY	TRUCK ONLY	675	_____
002	DELAWARE CITY	DE	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
003	BALTIMORE	MD	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
004	LORTON	VA	TRUCK ONLY	300	_____
	VERONA	VA	TRUCK ONLY	600	_____
005	NEWPORT NEWS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	300	_____
	RICHMOND	VA	TRUCK ONLY	600	_____
006	SALEM	VA	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
007	CHARLESTON	WV		1,800	_____
008	CLEARWATER	FL	TRUCK ONLY	449	_____
	THEODORE	AL	TRUCK ONLY	451	_____
009	FLORIDA CITY	FL	TRUCK ONLY	420	_____
	ORLANDO	FL	TRUCK ONLY	480	_____
010	ALBANY	GA	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
011	ATHENS	GA	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
012	ATLANTA	GA	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____
	AUGUSTA	GA	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____
013	MACON	GA	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
014	SAVANNAH	GA	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
015	VALDOSTA	GA	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
016	BATTLE CREEK	MI	TRUCK ONLY	295	_____
	WARREN	MI	TRUCK ONLY	605	_____
017	COMSTOCK PARK	MI	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
018	FLINT	MI	TRUCK ONLY	568	_____
	WARREN	MI	TRUCK ONLY	332	_____
019	LANSING	MI	TRUCK ONLY	245	_____
	WARREN	MI	TRUCK ONLY	655	_____

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020	CINCINNATI	OH	TRUCK ONLY	315	
	FAIRFIELD	OH	TRUCK ONLY	585	
021	COLUMBUS	OH	TRUCK ONLY	900	
022	JONESBORO	AR	TRUCK ONLY	250	*
	LITTLE ROCK	AR	TRUCK ONLY	650	
023	ALEXANDRIA	LA	TRUCK ONLY	300	
	MONROE	LA	TRUCK ONLY	300	
	SHREVEPORT	LA	TRUCK ONLY	300	
024	BATON ROUGE	LA	TRUCK ONLY	400	
	NEW ORLEANS	LA	TRUCK ONLY	500	
025	ALBUQUERQUE	NM	TRUCK ONLY	900	
026	AUSTIN	TX	TRUCK ONLY	900	
027	BEAUMONT	TX	TRUCK ONLY	450	
	VICTORIA	TX	TRUCK ONLY	450	
028	HOUSTON	TX	TRUCK ONLY	900	
029	ODESSA	TX	TRUCK ONLY	900	
030	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	900	
031	CORPUS CHRISTI	TX	TRUCK ONLY	450	
	TYLER	TX	TRUCK ONLY	450	
032	COLORADO SPRING	CO	TRUCK ONLY	587	
	DENVER	CO	TRUCK ONLY	313	
033	DENVER	CO	TRUCK ONLY	669	
	GREELEY	CO	TRUCK ONLY	231	
034	HELENA	MT	TRUCK ONLY	675	
	SIOUX FALLS	SD		225	
035	MESA	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	450	
	TUCSON	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	450	
036	PHOENIX	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	900	*

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037	FRESNO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	600	_____
	VISALIA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	300	_____
038	LONG BEACH	CA	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____
	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____
039	PORTLAND	OR	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
<b>DELIVERY PERIOD 10/27/08 - 10/29/08</b>					
040	EAST SYRACUSE	NY	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____ **
	ROCHESTER	NY	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____
041	BARRE	VT	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____
	PROVIDENCE	RI	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____
042	BALTIMORE	MD	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
043	ELIZABETHTOWN	KY	TRUCK ONLY	400	_____
	LEXINGTON	KY	TRUCK ONLY	400	_____
	MAYFIELD	KY	TRUCK ONLY	100	_____
044	JACKSON	MS	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
045	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	565	_____
	PEORIA	IL	TRUCK ONLY	335	_____
046	BRIDGETON	MO	TRUCK ONLY	420	_____
	SPRINGFIELD	IL	TRUCK ONLY	480	_____
047	ST CHARLES	IL	TRUCK ONLY	663	_____
	URBANA	IL	TRUCK ONLY	237	_____
048	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	TRUCK ONLY	1,800	_____
049	MAPLEWOOD	MN	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
050	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK	TRUCK ONLY	540	_____
	TULSA	OK	TRUCK ONLY	360	_____
051	AMARILLO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	342	_____
	LUBBOCK	TX	TRUCK ONLY	558	_____
052	DES MOINES	IA	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____ *
053	SAN DIEGO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____

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054	SAN FRANCISCO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	300	_____
	SAN JOSE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	600	_____

**DELIVERY PERIOD 11/03/08 - 11/05/08**

055	FLORIDA CITY	FL	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
056	MACON	GA	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
057	COLUMBIA	SC	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
058	CLEVELAND	OH	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
059	MILWAUKEE	WI	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
060	DALLAS	TX	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
061	MCALLEN	TX	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
062	BRIDGETON	MO	TRUCK ONLY	350	_____
	COLUMBIA	MO	TRUCK ONLY	325	_____
	SIKESTON	MO	TRUCK ONLY	225	_____
063	KANSAS CITY	MO	TRUCK ONLY	300	_____
	SPRINGFIELD	MO	TRUCK ONLY	410	_____
	ST JOSEPH	MO	TRUCK ONLY	190	_____
064	GARDEN GROVE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____
	IRVINE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____
065	LONG BEACH	CA	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
066	BOISE	ID	TRUCK ONLY	300	_____
	LEWISTON	ID	TRUCK ONLY	300	_____
	TWIN FALLS	ID	TRUCK ONLY	300	_____
067	PORTLAND	OR	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
068	EVERETT	WA	TRUCK ONLY	93	_____
	SEATTLE	WA	TRUCK ONLY	639	_____
	TACOMA	WA	TRUCK ONLY	168	_____
069	MOSES LAKE	WA	TRUCK ONLY	73	_____
	SPOKANE	WA	TRUCK ONLY	610	_____
	YAKIMA	WA	TRUCK ONLY	217	_____

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**DELIVERY PERIOD 11/10/08 - 11/12/08**

070	BLOOMFIELD	CT	TRUCK ONLY	297	_____
	EAST HAVEN	CT	TRUCK ONLY	603	_____
071	BIRMINGHAM	AL	TRUCK ONLY	410	_____
	MONTGOMERY	AL	TRUCK ONLY	490	_____
072	BIRMINGHAM	AL	TRUCK ONLY	242	_____
	HUNTSVILLE	AL	TRUCK ONLY	336	_____
	THEODORE	AL	TRUCK ONLY	322	_____
073	TOLEDO	OH	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____
	YOUNGSTOWN	OH	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____
074	CONCORD	CA	TRUCK ONLY	400	_____
	OAKLAND	CA	TRUCK ONLY	500	_____
075	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____

**DELIVERY PERIOD 11/17/08 - 11/19/08**

076	EAST SYRACUSE	NY	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____ **
	ELMIRA	NY	TRUCK ONLY	225	_____
	MILLWOOD	NY	TRUCK ONLY	225	_____
077	EWING	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	150	_____
	PENNSAUKEN	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
078	HILLSIDE	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
079	EWING	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	150	_____
	NEPTUNE	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
080	NEWPORT NEWS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____
	NORFOLK	VA	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____
081	EDGEWOOD	KY	TRUCK ONLY	150	_____
	LEXINGTON	KY	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
082	MILWAUKEE	WI	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
083	BELL	CA	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____
	OXNARD	CA	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____
084	SAN BERNARDINO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____

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<b>DELIVERY PERIOD 11/24/08 - 11/26/08</b>					
085	BRONX	NY	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____ **
086	WASHINGTON	DC	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
087	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	533	_____
	MOLINE	IL	TRUCK ONLY	367	_____
088	AKRON	OH	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
089	FORT WORTH	TX	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
090	SALT LAKE CITY	UT	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
091	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
<b>DELIVERY PERIOD 12/01/08 - 12/03/08</b>					
092	AUGUSTA	ME	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____
	CONCORD	NH	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____
093	BRONX	NY	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____ **
094	LORTON	VA	TRUCK ONLY	300	_____
	RICHMOND	VA	TRUCK ONLY	600	_____
095	JACKSONVILLE	FL	TRUCK ONLY	675	_____
	THEODORE	AL	TRUCK ONLY	225	_____
096	LAKELAND	FL	TRUCK ONLY	232	_____
	ORLANDO	FL	TRUCK ONLY	344	_____
	TALLAHASSEE	FL	TRUCK ONLY	324	_____
097	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	1,800	_____
098	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	225	_____
	SALISBURY	NC	TRUCK ONLY	675	_____
099	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK	TRUCK ONLY	540	_____
	TULSA	OK	TRUCK ONLY	360	_____
100	PHOENIX	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
101	RIVERSIDE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____



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102	BOSTON	MA	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____
	LOWELL	MA	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____
103	HATFIELD	MA	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____
	SHREWSBURY	MA	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____
104	BRONX	NY	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____ **
105	HILLSIDE	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
106	EWING	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	250	_____
	NEPTUNE	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	325	_____
	PENNSAUKEN	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	325	_____
107	FLORIDA CITY	FL	TRUCK ONLY	450	_____
	JACKSONVILLE	FL	TRUCK ONLY	225	_____
	ORLANDO	FL	TRUCK ONLY	225	_____
108	JACKSON	MS	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
109	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
110	MAPLEWOOD	MN	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
111	KANSAS CITY	MO	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
112	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
<b>DELIVERY PERIOD 12/15/08 - 12/17/08</b>					
113	BRONX	NY	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____ **
114	COLUMBIA	SC	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
115	LONG BEACH	CA	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
<b>TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE</b>				<b>106,200</b>	
<b>TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION</b>				<b>106,200</b>	

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